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SUBJECT: 1976 TRADE MISSIONS: (I) IDENTIFICATION

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1. SUMMARY: BEFORE COMMENTING ON INDIVIDUAL TRADE MISSIONS BEING PROPOSED USINT WISHES LIST AND REVIEW STATUS OF MISSIONS KNOWN OR THOUGH TO BE PLANNING TO VISIT IRAQ. A SECOND MESSAGE DESCRIBES CONDITIONS WHICH LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES COMPEL US TO PLACE UPON THE KIND AND DEGREE OF SUPPORT WHICH USINT CAN PROVIDE TO THESE MISSIONS. A THIRD MESSAGE COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL MISSIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC PLEASE CONFIRM OR CLARIFY STATUS OF THESE MISSIONS. END SUMMARY.
REVIEW OF SEVEN PENDING MISSIONS

2.THERE ARE, AS LISTED BELOW, SEVEN MISSIONS WHICH APPEAR TO WISH TO VISIT IRAQ IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1976: FROM PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND, INDIAN, NORTH CAROLINA TEXAS, TENNESSEE AND NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDING ASSOCIATION (NMTBA).

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3. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA: JANUARY 1976 TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, KUWAIT UAE. USINT FIRST HEARD OF THIS MISSION THROUGH LETTER OF MARCH 17,1975 FROM J. THOMAS ROGERS, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. WE SET CONDITIONS IN MAY 3,1975 LETTER TO ROGERS (CC TO USDOC CAGNE) WE WERE VISITED IN JUNE AND WRITTEN AUGUST 8,1975 BY MICHEL DEMAUREX MISSION ADVANCE MAN OPERATING FROM GENEVA. NO FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED. REFERENCES: BAGHDAD 480(NOTAL); BERN 2128 (NOTAL)

4. STATE OF MARYLAND: LATTER PART OF JANUARY 1976 TO VISIT IRAN, SAUDIA ARABIA AND KUWAIT. WE ARE ASKED (STATE 206568) TO COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING INFORMAL GROUP FROM THIS MISSION WHICH FOCUSES ON BUILDING, EQUIPPING AND MANAGING HOSPITALS.

5. STATE OF INDIANA: FIRST THREE WEEKS OF MARCH 1976, LED BY LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT D.ORR AND TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN UAE KUWAIT, SYRIA EGYPT. THIS IS IN FIELD OF HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION. IN BAGHDAD 854 WE INDICATED CONDITIONAL WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT STATE 210413 SAID MISSION WANTED TO COME BUT DID NOT RESPOND TO CONDITIONS WE LISTED.

6. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: TO IRAN AND IRAQ IN MARCH 1976 ON THEME OF CONSTRUCTION. WE HEARD OF THIS IN AUGUST 25,1975 LETTER FROM HUNTER POOLE OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN RALEIGH. MR. POOLE, ACCORDING TO LATER LETTERS, WILL BE IN BAGHDAD NOVEMBER 3 AS ADVANCE MAN.

7. STATE OF TEXAS MISSION TO IRAN. IRAQ AND SAUDIE ARABIA IN MAY 1976. TO BE LED BY LT. GOVERNOR WILLIAM HOBBY AND TO FOCUS ON AGRIBUSINESS, FOOD PROCESSING, IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, CONSTRUCTION OIL DRILLING AND PETROCHEMICALS. ANNOUNCED VERY RECENTLY IN STATE 209832.

8. ABOVE FIVE MISSIONS APPEAR TO HAVE DEFINITELY TARGETED ON IRAQ. WE ARE MUCH LESS SURE ABOUT CURRENT STATUS AND INTENTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING TWO:

A) STATE OF TENNESSEE: USINT WAS VISITED MARCH 31 (BAGHDAD 363) BY DR. ABDULLAH ISA AS ADVANCE MAN. LATER CABLES (ABDUDABI UNCLASSIFIED

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767; STATE 195447) DO NOT CLARIFY MISSION'S PLANS RE IRAQ.
B) NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (NMTBA) STATE 082048 OF APRIL 10 SAID MISSION MIGHT VISIT IRAQ IN LATE FALL 1975 OR EARLY SPRING 1976. USINT HAS NO SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS MISSION.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST USDOC CONFIRM OR UPDATE INFORMATION ON ABOVE SEVEN MISSIONS PLUS ANY OTHERS BEING CONSIDERED FOR

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